

REMARKS

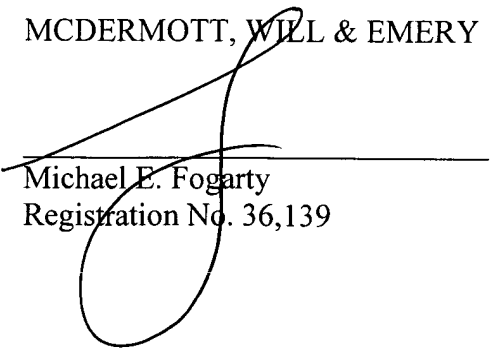
In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have amended the specification and claims 3, 6, 9 and 34 so as to eliminate the language asserted to present new matter into the application. In addition, claims 2, 5, 8 and 33 were amended to address the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. As the foregoing amendments address the only pending rejection of the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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